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**Introduced by Senator Maldonado**

January 10, 2006

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An act to add Section 1182.12 to the Labor Code, relating to the minimum wage, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1167, as introduced, Maldonado. Minimum wage increase.

Under existing law, by statute, the minimum wage for all industries shall not be less than \$5.75 per hour on and after March 1, 1998. Also under existing law, the Industrial Welfare Commission is authorized to set a higher minimum wage in accordance with a prescribed procedure that includes the selection of wage boards to consider and make recommendations regarding wage issues. The current minimum wage for all industries, as established by the commission, is \$6.75 per hour on and after January 1, 2002.

This bill would increase the minimum wage to \$7.25 per hour, effective on and after September 1, 2006, and would further increase the minimum wage to \$7.75 per hour, effective on and after July 1, 2007.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.

State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 1182.12 is added to the Labor Code, to  
2     read:

1 1182.12. Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, on  
2 and after September 1, 2006, the minimum wage for all  
3 industries shall not be less than seven dollars and twenty-five  
4 cents (\$7.25) per hour, and on and after July 1, 2007, the  
5 minimum wage for all industries shall not be less than seven  
6 dollars and seventy-five cents (\$7.75) per hour.

7 SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the  
8 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety  
9 within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go  
10 into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

11 California's lowest paid workers urgently require an increase  
12 in their wages as soon as possible in order to keep up with the  
13 rapidly increasing cost of living. It is therefore necessary that this  
14 act take effect immediately.